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In re Application of:
Engel

Attorney Docket: P2003,0162

Art Unit: 2883

Serial No.: 10/795,853

Examiner: Chiem, Dinh D

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Title: Process for Manufacture of an Optical Transmission

Element with Several Dry and Compressible Filling Elements as well As Optical Transmission Element

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. sec. 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 28, 2006, the following amendment(s) and/or remark(s) are submitted. Applicants respectfully request that this reply be entered into the record as a substantive reply to the outstanding Office Action.

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